

REMARKS


This is in response to the Office Action mailed on November 3, 2005, in which claims 2-10, 12-17 and 19-32 were considered. Claims 2-10, 12-17 and 19-29 were allowed, for which the Applicant is grateful. Claims 30-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, and were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smeenge et al. (USP 4,616,798) in view of Martin (USP 5,655,743).

With this Amendment, claims 30-32 have been canceled without prejudice, thereby rendering moot their rejection. Claims 2-10, 12-17 and 19-29 are left in the case, all of which have been allowed. A Notice to that effect is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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